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Husband charged with killing wife in Laurel *Jason W. Martin arrested overnight at the couple's residence*

Howard County police have arrested and charged a Laurel man with killing his wife last night in their home. Jason W. Martin, 41, of the 9500 block of Glen Ridge Drive, has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of Carla Dee Martin, 42. The preliminary cause of death was blunt force trauma.

Police received a 911 call around 11 p.m. on Oct. 27 from a neighbor who reported unknown trouble at the Martin's residence. The caller advised that Jason Martin had come to their home and reported that his wife was injured. He was observed with blood on his clothing.

Officers arrived and found Carla Martin in the basement with injuries consistent with blunt force trauma. They also located a dumbbell nearby covered in blood. Carla Martin was transported to Laurel Regional Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Jason Martin was taken into custody at the scene. Three children who were inside the home did not witness the incident and were placed in the custody of Carla Martin's family members.

Jason Martin is currently awaiting the booking process at the Howard County Detention Center.

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